

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM AND CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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VACANT POSTS IN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to fill the posts lying vacant in Archaeological Survey of India as suggested in the last CABA meeting;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Epigraphical Survey of India, Mysore have adequate staff strength to look after the huge voluminous collection particularly in Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) & (b) Proposals for appointment to Group 'A' posts in different cadres, which are required to be filled up through UPSC, have been sent to them. Proposals for appointment by direct recruitment to Group 'B' posts have also been sent to the Staff Selection Commission. Circles/Branches of the Archaeological Survey of India have also been making all efforts to fill up Group 'C' & 'D' posts which fall within their jurisdiction.

Continuous efforts are also made at the Headquarters Office to convene the DPC meetings for filling up of the vacant posts under promotion quota.

(c)&(d) There is no Central Govt. office called Epigraphical Survey of India with its Headquarter at Mysore. However, the Archaeological Survey of India is having an Epigraphy Branch at Mysore with two zonal offices, one at Chennai and the other at Lucknow. The Southern Zonal office at Chennai aims at copying and deciphering the large number of Tamil inscriptions available in Tamil Nadu as well as those in other Dravidian languages in the Southern States. The Tamil Epigraphists stationed both at Chennai and Mysore repeatedly go on collection tours to Tamil Nadu to copy the inscriptions and decipher them. Optimum work is being done with the staff available.